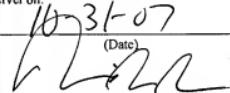


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Dear Sir:

The present amendment and remarks are in response to the final Office Action dated October 11, 2007. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.